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NOTIFICATION

I. Whereas the Governor considers it necessary to review the constitutional status of castes and communities of Sikkim in Historical, Cultural-Ecological and Political-Economic context to make appropriate recommendations and whereas, the Governor also considers it necessary to review the policies, plans and programmes in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and other socially as well as economically backward communities and also review measures for improvement of quality of life of all sections of people of Sikkim in the light of the Sikkim Human Development Report 2001.

II. Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 3 of The Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, the Governor is hereby pleased to constitute a Commission for Review of Environmental and Social Sector Policies, Plans and Programmes for Human Development {CRESP(HUD)} in respect of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and other categories of population of the State and to review the Sikkim Human Development Report 2001 with a view to recommend measures for improvement of the quality of life of all section of the population of Sikkim in the Chairman and Members as follows:-

1.	Prof. B.K. Roy, Burman	-	Chairman
2.	Shri D.N. Takarpa Hon'ble Speaker, SLA	-	Member
3.	Shri K.N.Rai Hon'ble Minister, RMDD	-	Member

4.	Shri Anil Nauriya Advocate, Supreme Court and a Reputed Gandhian Scholar	-	Member
5.	Smt. C.K.Cintury Retired Principal Secretary, Govt. of Sikkim	-	Member
6.	Shri S.K. Gautam Special Secretary, DPERN&NECA Department, Govt. of Sikkim	-	Secretary
7.	Principal Secretary, CMO	-	Principal Member Secretary
8.	Resident Commissioner, Sikkim House, New Delhi	-	Secretary (Coordination)
9.	Smt. Jyotsna Subba, Additional Director, DPER&NECA Department Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok	-	Nodal Officer.

III. The Chairman shall have the status of Cabinet Minister and the non- official members shall have the status of the Minister of the State.

IV. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be to review the policies, plans and programmes in respect of the population of Sikkim belonging to different social groups and advise the agencies concerned in the light of the review and on improvement of the quality of life of the people as a whole keeping in view:-

(i) UN Declaration on World Charter of Nature,
(ii) International and National Instruments on human rights particularly, gender rights, rights of children, elderly and disabled persons.
(iii) UNESCO's Declaration on Earth Charter,
(iv) UNESCO's Declaration on Cultural Diversity 2001,
(v) Directive Principles of State Policy in the Constitution of India,
(vi) Fundamental Rights in the Constitution of India,
(vii) Rights to Development as a human right,
(viii) National and State Agenda on Poverty Alleviation,
(ix) Federal Character of Indian State,
(x) Enlargement of the freedom of individuals and collectives in a progressively inclusive manner to encompass the whole humanity.

The human development agenda of the State Government in relation to strengthening of State Plan activities will be guided by CRESP (HuD).

V. Power of the Commission- The Commission shall have the powers of a Civil Court, while trying a suit under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), in respect of the following matters, namely:

(a) summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person from any part of India and examining him/ her on oath;
(b) requiring the discovery and production of any document;
(c) receiving evidence on affidavits;
(d) requisitioning any public record or copy thereof from any Court or office;
(e) issuing commissions for the examination of witnesses or documents;
(f) any other matter which may be prescribed.

VI. The Commission will hold its office at New Delhi as well as at Gangtok as directed by the Chairman of the Commission from time to time. Expenditure on monthly salary and on air travel, transport facility and board & lodging while on visit to Sikkim and back of the Chairman and Members with Minister of State status shall be borne by the State Government.

VII. One Computer Assistant and One Office Peon on contract basis may be appointed by the Commission to assist them.

VIII. The Commission shall submit its report before 31.12.2009.

IX. This supersedes all previous notifications on the subject.

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR.

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CHIEF SECRETARY
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